

**Happy New Year and best wishes for a healthy, happy 2018.**

Each new year brings an opportunity to reflect on the past and look forward to the future. The 2017 news cycle seemed endless, and City Club offered some excellent programming on current topics, with presentations from our local elected leaders, the Malheur occupation and verdict, fake news and alternate facts, PERS reform, Glenwood redevelopment, and local effects of health care reform. We look forward to bringing you informative programming in 2018, including a discussion on homelessness, gun rights and reform, and civil discourse. In 2018, we will be partnering with other civic organizations to offer more opportunities to our members. We start the year with the Mayor's State of the City address on January 4 at the Hilton Garden Inn. For this one event, please RSVP in advance. Springfield City Club is partnering with Lane County League of Women Voters to host a joint program at the Wildish Theater on January 9. The time is still to be determined. We always welcome your feedback and ideas for new programming.

Amid all the news of this past year, what concerns me deeply is the perceived growing political divide in our country. In order to bridge the growing divide, it is imperative we do not insulate ourselves with only like-minded people, but that we know, and speak with, and perhaps even debate with, those who hold different viewpoints from our own. And this is why a group like Springfield City Club is so important right now. In 2017, as a Board, we actively worked to diversify our Board, so that it is more representative of our community. We also would like to continue expanding and diversifying our membership so that all voices in our community are better reflected within Springfield City Club. This year, the Board waived the \$5 fee for members bringing a guest. So, please, bring a guest. Reach out to someone whose viewpoint may be under-represented. And, please make sure to renew your membership with us if you have not yet done so. It will help make all of us better citizens.

We are looking forward to a bright 2018. Thank you for your commitment to Springfield City Club.

*Kristin Denmark*

**MEETING CALENDAR**

**JANUARY 4: STATE OF THE CITY**

Mayor Christine Lundberg starts her State of the City Tour at Springfield city Club. The Mayor will speak and then take questions from the audience.

**JANUARY 9: MEASURE 101**

A special Program cosponsored by City Club and the League of Women Voters. Representative John Lively and Representative Cedric Hayden will debate Measure 101, which is on the ballot on January 23. This program will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Wildish Community Theater.

**JANUARY 18: THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION.**

Senator Lee Beyer and Representative John Lively will discuss the upcoming session of the Legislative Assembly which will open on February 3.

**PUBLIC CALENDAR**

**All items are tentative and subject to change**

**SPRINGFIELD CITY COUNCIL**

January 8: Work Session 5:30 p.m.

Sign Code Amendments

Zone Change Refresher

January 16 (Tuesday)

Work Session 6:00 p.m.

CDBG Update

Annual Audit

Accessory Dwelling Unit Amendments

Regular Session 7:00 p.m.

Annual Audit

PH: Conceptual Street Map Adoption

PH: Sign Code Update

Accessory Dwelling Amendments

MWMC Intergovernmental Agreement

January 22: Work Session 5:30 p.m.

Springfield Sunday Streets Event

Mid-Year Budget Workshop

Parking Structure Update

January 29: NO MEETING

**LANE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

FEBRUARY 3 – 9:00 A.M. STRATEGIC PLAN

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**LANE TRANSIT DISTRICT**

January 8: State of the County  
January 9: Regular Meeting  
January 16: NO MEETING  
January 23: Regular Meeting  
January 30: Regular Meeting

**LANE TRANSIT DISTRICT**

January 17, 2018 – Board meeting 5:30 p.m.

**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL BOARD**

*The agenda for scheduled board meetings can be found at [www.springfield.k12.or.us/boardmeetings](http://www.springfield.k12.or.us/boardmeetings) the Thursday before the meeting at 12:00 p.m.*

January 8, 2018 – Board meeting 7:00 P.M.

**New Location 640 A Street**

**WILLAMALANE PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT**

January 10, 2018 – Board meeting 6:30 p.m.

**SPRINGFIELD UTILITY BOARD**

January 10, 2018 – Board meeting 6:00 p.m.



Cheryl, who serves as the Deputy Legislative Director at the Oregon Department of Justice, described the details of the response and noted that the Department of Justice continues its investigation of the effect on Oregonians and what remedies might be available. Among other things, she urged Oregonians to “freeze” their credit records with the three major agencies: Equifax, TransUnion and Experian. She said this would prevent identity thieves from opening new accounts in your name, even if they have all of your personal information. She also noted that this would prevent you from seeking additional credit, and so it is important to “unfreeze” your

reports temporarily, if you are seeking a loan or otherwise seeking new credit. By law, companies are allowed to charge up to \$10 for this service, although Equifax has agreed to waive those fees for the present, because of its responsibility in the breach. When asked about signing up for one of the many credit monitoring services, they responded that if you take steps like freezing your credit rating these services typically do not add value.

Turning to questions of consumer fraud, they suggested several techniques, many of which are suggested routinely, but often ignored by consumers.

Scammers tend to contact people “out of the blue.” They say you owe someone money, have skipped jury duty, failed to pay tickets or a bill, and if you don’t deal with it immediately you will be in trouble or arrested. This is ALWAYS a scam. None of this will happen without something in writing.

Scammers always have an emergency. Your grandchild is in jail in a foreign country, your prize will be lost if you don’t act right now. There can be legitimate emergencies, but these are very rare. You need to check with someone first.

They will ask for personal information – to verify your account number or social security number, etc. Reputable businesses don’t do this over the phone.

## MEETINGS

### DECEMBER 6: UNHAPPY HOLIDAYS

The Equifax data breach during the Spring 2017 was one of the largest, and by far the most troubling data breach of recent times. The massive amount and variety of data stored on Equifax servers exposed citizens to far greater risk than typical data hacks, according to Ellen Klem and Cheryl Heimstra, of the Oregon Department of Justice.



Ellen, who is the director of consumer outreach and education for the Office of the Attorney General, reported that the hack, which was discovered by the company in March, but not made public to

consumers until September, involved not only credit card numbers, but also Social Security numbers, drivers licenses and other personal data.

# Springfield City Club Board Meeting

November 7, 2017  
LRAPA Board Room

They ask you to wire money or send a cash card. Don't! This kind of money is lost and can't be recovered, if it turns out a scam was involved.

If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Don't buy a bridge for \$24!

When you get these calls, there is a simple and effective solution: JUST HANG UP! Caller ID can be helpful. If you don't recognize the phone number, or the person or company calling, don't answer.

To hear when new scams are identified as active, you can Google "scam alert network" for instructions on how to sign up to receive periodic updates from the Oregon Department of Justice.



You are at risk. Each of our presenters was recently the subject of identity theft. If you suspect that you have been

victimized, notify both the Department of Justice and your local police. That way they can identify when and where scams are active, and when new ones pop up.

## In Attendance:

Joe Leahy, President	Terry Beyer
Len Goodwin	
Steve Moe, Treasurer	Merlyn Hough
Bob Fondren	
Dan Egan, Secretary	Callie Elliot
Kristin Denmark	Anette Spickard
Carolyn Miller	

1. Call to order: The meeting began at 11:36. President Leahy welcomed Callie Elliot to the Board.
2. Approval of the previous minutes: The previous minutes were approved through a motion by Len Goodwin and second by Merlyn Hough.
3. Financial Report: Steve Moe reported that the Club had \$3,944 in the bank. Len Goodwin described the new charges in connection with the new card reader. There was a discussion about whether or not the Club needed a reader at the meetings as the Hilton Garden Inn handles lunches.
4. Membership Renewals: Joe Leahy suggested language that would go with membership invoices as they were sent out to the Club members. The form should allow members to pay their dues using a credit card.
5. Upcoming Programs:

- a. November 16 – Healthcare. Kristin Denmark and Bob Fondren detailed the plans they have made for this upcoming program.
  - b. December 7 – State Justice Department/Fraud. Terry Beyer said she was in contact with the State office and that the program concerning "Fraud" was taking shape.
  - c. January 4 – some ideas presented included working with the League of Women Voters on the upcoming election or invite the new LCC President to address Club members.
  - d. January 18 – Review of the Legislature Short Session through the invitation of Representative Lively and Senator Beyer.
  - e. February 1 & 15 – two consecutive sessions devoted to the issue of "Homelessness".
6. Additional Program Ideas:
    - a. The 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment
    - b. Tour of the new Hamlin Middle School
    - c. Electoral College
    - d. Dave Brewer – Civil Discourse
    - e. Second Amendment – Gun control
  7. Other business items:
    - a. Board Insurance costs will be between \$600-\$800 according to President Leahy.
    - b. Denise Molder will process the Club's 990 tax report this year.

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- c. There was a motion for Len Goodwin to have a debit card. The motion passed through a motion by Steve Moe and second by Bob Fondren.
  - d. Proofing of the newsletter – Carolyn Miller volunteered to proof the newsletter before it is published.
  - e. Bob Fondren volunteered to write the next newsletter article; Kristin Denmark will follow Bob and write for the month following.
  - f. Hilton Garden Inn staff tip. Bob Fondren moved and Len Goodwin seconded a motion to forward a small tip - \$25 – to the HGI staff.
8. Adjournment: The meeting ended at 12:45

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